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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS;  
LABOR FOR SEGALL AND AVERY; COMMERCE FOR UPTON

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SUBJ: ILO GOVERNING BODY PLENARY

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MOST ITEMS HANDLED IN ROUTINE FASHION EXCEPT FOR FOLLOWING AND  
REFTEL (C):

1. ITEM 5, SOCIAL SECURITY EXPERTS REPORT: REPORT GENERALLY  
WELL RECEIVED BY GB. STRONG SUPPORT FOR REVISION OF CONVENTION  
44. DG INDICATED EARLIEST DATE FOR CONFERENCE AGENDA 1978 BUT  
MAY AND NOV 76 GB WOULD DECIDE.

2. ITEM 8, FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION: DURING GB DISCUSSION OF  
TRADE UNIONISTS IMPRISONED 18 MONTHS AGO IN ETHIOPIA AND  
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT'S IGNORING OF ALL ILO INQUIRIES, BROWN  
(U.S. WORKER) SAID USG AND OTHER GOVERNMENTS (AS WELL AS ILO)  
PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ASSISTANCE TO IEG. IF IN MAY, DG UNABLE  
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REPORT PROGRESS IN HELPING IMPRISONED LABOR LEADERS, HIS

ORGANIZATION WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER SAYING OFFICIALLY WHAT THEY HAD BEEN SAYING PRIVATELY ABOUT THE SUPPORT BEING PROVIDED THE IEG.

3. GB ACCEPTED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE COMMITTEE THAT CASE 807 (US/PUERTO RICO) REQUIRED NO RPT NO FURTHER EXAMINATION.

4. ITEM 9, PROGRAM, FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMM. REPORT: ADDRESSING MID-TERM REVIEW (PF&A FIFTH REPORT) USSR GOVT. REP. (GOROSHKIN) SAID, "TRIPARTISM IS NOT REPEAT NOT CULT. ILO SHOULD FOCUS ON ITS CONSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES SUCH AS WORKER RIGHTS. ILO SHOULD NOT RUSH FROM ONE GOAL TO ANOTHER LIKE FIRE BRIGADE." HE ALSO REFERRED TO HELSINKI DECLARATION, "WHICH OFFERED NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR EUROPEAN COOPERATION." HE ASKED THAT PLAN BE AMENDED TO INCREASE EMPHASIS ON THIS.

5. U.S. GOVT. REP. SAID ONE OF MOST FUNDAMENTAL OBJECTIVES OF ILO IS FURTHERING RIGHTS OF WORKERS IN HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. HE CONGRATULATED DG ON PRIORITY GIVEN SUBJECT IN HIS PROGRAM. HE ADDED THAT TRIPARTISM IS NOT JUST A MEANS BUT A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF THE ILO'S PRINCIPLES AND ITS ACTIVITIES.

6. POLISH GOVT. REP. (NASZKOWSKI) SAID HUMAN RIGHTS UNDERLIES ALL ACTIVITIES OF ILO AND SHOULD NOT BE AN AREA OF EMPASIS.

7. ITEM 12, WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFERENCE: STANDING ORDERS APPROVED AS PER GB DOCUMENT, WITH RESERVATIONS BEING EXPRESSED BY EAST EUROPEANS AND SOME THIRD WORLD, ON RESTRICTIONS ON STEERING COMMITTEE AND RECEIVABILITY OF RESOLUTIONS. (COMMENT: DISCUSSION MADE APPARENT THE STRONG LIKELIHOOD OF DEBATE ON PROCEDURE DURING OPENING DAYSO OF CONFERENCE.) TATA (INDIA-EMPLOYER) SAID HE HOPED AND PRAYED WEC WOULD AVOID POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES, BUT IF IT DID NOT, CONFERENCE WOULD BE FUTULE. HE ADDED THAT NIEO CANNOT BE DICTATED BUT REQUIRES COOPERATION AMONG ALL COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IF TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER RESOURCES WAS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

8. ITEM 18, INTERNATIONAL LABOR INSTITUTE: HEATED CRITICISM WAS MADE BY REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL GROUPS OF WHAT ILI HAD BEEN DOING, ESPECIALLY RECENT SYMPOSIUM IN GENEVA WHICH MANY HAD SEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS WASTEFUL AND AS AN EFFORT TO BUILD ILI DIRECTOR'S PRESTIGE. (COMMENT: ITEM WAS DEFERRED TO NEXT SESSION OF GOVERNING BODY, AND DG WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE DETAILED REPORT. FURTHER HEATED DEBATE ANTICIPATED.)

9. "LETTER OF INTENT" AND FINANCE: NUMEROUS REFERENCES WERE MADE (BY MEMBERS AND BY ILO STAFF) TO SERIOUS FINANCIAL SITUATION BUT ONLY DIRECT MENTION OF LETTER OF INTENT WAS MADE BY GOVT. REP.

IRAN (AZIMI). HE SAID THAT IF ILO STAFF SALARIES WERE GREATLY INCREASED AT SAME TIME ILO WAS FACED WITH POSSIBLE WITHDRAWAL OF U.S. 18 MONTHS FROM NOW, EVERYONE'S ASSESSMENT MIGHT BE INCREASED 30 PERCENT. HE ADDED THAT "OF COURSE WE ALL HPE U.S. WILL NOT WITHDRAW.DALE

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